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SUBJECT: FRG CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARIBBEAN
DEVELOPMENT FACILITY - UPDATE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE MANY US REQUESTS, THE FRG IS
IN THE PROCESS OF DECIDING WHAT ROLE IT WILL PLAY IN
THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT FACILITY. ON AUGUST 15, A
WORKING LEVEL INER-MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS HELD TO
MAKE PROPOSALS TO ECON COOP MINISTER OFFERGELD. THE
WORKING LEVEL POSITION IS THAT THE FRG SHOULD NOT
PARTICIPATE.

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2. THE REASONING FOR THE NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION IS AS
FOLLOWS: THE PROPOSED CARIBBEAN FACILITY (CF) IS A
PURELY POLITICAL FUND, HAVING LITTLE TO DO WITH
DEVELOPMENT. IT IS, IN PRINCIPLE, THE SAME AS THE
GISCARD FUND FOR AFRICA. IF THE FRG SAYS YES TO THE CF,
THEN IT MUST SAY YES TO THE AFRICAN FUND, WHICH WILL BE
MUNCH MORE EXPENSIVE, AND YES TO ALL OTHER QUOTE

APPEASEMENT FUNDS UNQUOTE. THIS IS NOT AID, IT IS A TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND ADOPTION OF THIS POLICY WILL EFFECT THE ENTIRE FOREIGN AID POLICY. IT WILL SOAK UP ALL OF THE BILATERAL AID FUNDS.

3. ECON COOP MIN SOURCE SAID THAT THE RECOMMENDATION PAPER ALSO INCLUDED THE STRONG DEMARCHES MADE BY THE US (INCLUDING THE REPORT FILED BY DAHLHOFF AS A RESULT OF HIS DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON).

4. MINISTER OFFERGELD HAS NOT YET MADE A DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL. AS SOURCE POINTED OUT, THE DECISION IS NOW A POLITICAL ONE. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VACATION-DEPLETED FONOFF STAFF ON THIS ISSUE AND EXPECTS TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS SHORTLY.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY REF B: THE FRG IS WILLING TO UP ITS CONTRIBUTION TO DM 15 MILLION TO THE SPECIAL FUND OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SUBJECT TO BUNDESTAG APPROVAL. THERE IS A S YET NO CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT FACILITY.

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